

City of San José
Coyote Valley Specific Plan

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Summary of Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting #30
February 6, 2008
City Hall, Room T-332

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Members Present

Mike Griffis (County Roads & Airports), Shanna Boigon (Santa Clara County Association of Realtors), Dawn Cameron (County Roads & Airports), Libby Lucas (California Native Plant Society), Elish Ryan (County Parks), and Brian Schmidt (Committee for Green Foothills).

Task Force members Present

Craig Edgerton

City and Other Public Agencies Staff Present

Susan Walsh (PBCE), and Jared Hart (PBCE).

Consultants Present

Eileen Goodwin (APEX Strategies), Roger Shanks (Dahlin Group), Jodi Starbird (David J Powers), and Bill Wagner (HMH Engineers).

Community Members Present
(none)

1. Welcome and Introductions – Eileen Goodwin, APEX Strategies

The meeting convened at approximately 3:00 p.m. with Eileen Goodwin, of APEX Strategies, welcoming everyone to the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. Everyone introduced themselves and indicated what agency they are representing.

2. Agenda Review – Eileen Goodwin, APEX Strategies

Eileen reviewed the agenda and meeting materials and explained who the presenters would be. Staff will be preparing a summary of the meeting and forwarding it to the Task Force as soon as possible.

3. CVSP Plan Refinement concepts – Susan Walsh, Senior Planner, with the City Department of Planning, Building and Code Enforcement and Roger Shanks, with Dahlin Group presented the Plan Refinements Concepts

4. TAC Discussion

The following comments were received from the TAC members:

- If these entitlements have been entitled for such a long time why weren't they incorporated into the original plan? *Susan indicated that at the outset there was more flexibility in the land use and street network. Over the last few years the economy and the market demand for workplace use has changed, and the entitled property owners have indicated that, while they support the direction that the Plan is going in, they would also like to preserve their entitlements. As such the plan needs to incorporate the entitled streets to ensure that the Plan can be implemented.*
- Concerned that the street revisions are being changed at this late date.
- Are all of these changes related to EIR comments? *Susan indicated that some are and others are changes relate to the need to relocate the ball fields, the need for high school overlays, and other changes improve the plan design and ensure that it can be implemented.*
- Are there any issues with the CVRP backbone infrastructure being used for the BRT. *The City has looked at that, and the in-valley-transit line can be constructed within the right-of-way width.*
- How will the public realm area Concept 1 work when the entitlements show a straight Bailey Avenue? *We are hoping to work with the property owners, and if they want to develop mixed-use they would need to dedicate the corners for the lake as a part of the public realm, just like any other property owners who want to implement the Plan.*
- What about riparian corridor and land uses along Coyote Creek? *Susan explained the changes and indicated that have adjusted some land uses to provide a better interface and better protection along the creek, better focal points within the neighborhoods and a better circulation system. There will also be some sections provided at the upcoming Community Meeting. Roger indicated that the mixed-use has been pulled out closer to Monterey Road and away from the creek, and that there are less intense uses near the creek*
- Not sure these changes are quantifiable as far as interface with the creek corridor. It's hard to get a sense of the acreage. *Susan indicated that the acreage changes may be available next week.*
- Is there greater protection to the creek with these changes? *Susan indicated that staff walked the creek corridor with the biologists and some resource agencies to verify that the 100-foot setback required by the City's Riparian Corridor Policy is being met.*
- Do not like the idea of taking all the amenities away from the lake and putting all business along the lake. Prefer other concepts.
- How does this affect traffic? *Jodie Starbird, with David Powers and Associates indicated that the City will now be doing a program level EIR analysis of traffic per City standards.*

- Our greatest concerns between Concept 1 and 3 is regarding Santa Teresa Blvd. The South County Circulation Study anticipated a four lane Santa Teresa up to Palm Avenue, and then respected CVSP.
- All three arterials (Monterey, Santa Teresa Blvd and Hwy 101) focused on Gilroy to Morgan Hill in the South County Circulation Study.
- You may have a hard time convincing people not to use the internal jogging road though the workplace around the lack in Concept #3. *Roger indicated that our intention is get people onto the Parkway once Santa Teresa hits Palm Avenue.*
- Need to look at affects of roadway changes on regional traffic impacts
- You need that continuous route for the good of the region. The County's prefers a continuous route on Santa Teresa Blvd. through the Plan.
- Like the idea of having a road close to the lake so people driving would have the benefit of the view. In Florida (Miami) they have boulevard next to ocean and hotels on other side. *Roger indicated that we really want to make core congested so it is pedestrian and transit- oriented. We don't want great number of cars traveling through the core are at a fast speed.*
- Feedback from folks in Morgan Hill is that they are worried about Santa Teresa Blvd. being cut off.
- Have you taken these concepts to regulatory agencies? *No.*
- Why did you pick these issues and not regulatory agencies' issues such as the need for a wildlife corridor? *Susan indicated that the EIR comments related to the wildlife corridor, will be addressed when the EIR is redone as a program level EIR.. Jodie Starbird indicated that for the next round, the biologist will go back out and reassess these issues.*
- The EIR will be at a program level so it will not allow any construction? *That is correct.*
- Why would you use the same biologist? Suggest that you seriously look at someone else who has credentials on wildlife corridors.
- You are not addressing some of the larger concepts brought up in the EIR.
- Recommend that you use a more broad brush map than this in the CVSP if it is going to be program level.
- Recommend that we consider more regional issues.
- Need to show the difference what program level looks versus project level.
- A vote was taken and no preference for Concepts 1, 1b, 2 or 3 was selected by the TAC.
- There are good and bad issues with each concept.
- Concerned about transition from Santa Teresa Blvd. onto Parkway (roundabout). *Bill Wagner, with HMM Engineers explained that they decided on the roundabout because they feel it is the best solution to facilitate the flow of traffic well.*
- Would like to see some of comments on wildlife corridors incorporated into the plan before EIR is complete. It would help with contentiousness of this issue.
- Recommend a focus group for wildlife corridor issue and the HCP issue. *Staff will discuss this idea.*
- Like the idea that the TAC comments will be given to the Task Force before they consider something, rather than after.

5. Public Comments

(none)

6. Next Steps in CVSP Process

Susan Walsh presented the next steps in the process.

7. Adjourn

Eileen Goodwin thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Staff will schedule a TAC meeting within the Draft EIR comment period to obtain comments on the Draft EIR. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.

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